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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 YOUTHFUL OFFENDER
BLOCK GRANT (YOBG) FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE
CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
(3 VOTES, ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

SUBJECT:

The Probation Department (Probation) is requesting that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funding from the California State Controller's Office (State Controller).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept Probation's FY 2009-10 YOBG funding allocation in the amount of \$22,008,743 from the State Controller.
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign the County's YOBG agreement, amendments, related documents, or extensions with the State of California.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of the recommended actions will allow Probation to continue implementation of the Juvenile Justice Development Plan (JJDP). The JJDP targets evidence-based programs and services to probationers identified with higher needs for special services than those received by routine probationers.

Probation's JJDP is comprised of six program categories that are currently being addressed by Probation under the grant as follows:

1. **Enhanced Assessments** - Enhances the current risk and needs assessment in both residential (camp) and field services (re-entry) that assists in identifying appropriate youthful offender dispositions and reentry plans. For the Camp Assessment Unit, the purpose is to expedite the comprehensive assessment of the criminogenic, health, mental health, and educational needs of youth. For the Reentry Assessment Unit, the purpose is to develop effective re-entry services for transitioning high-risk offenders to reduce the high rates of recidivism, ensure community safety, and provide offenders with the services and support they need to facilitate a smooth and successful transition into their communities.
2. **Camp placements** – Changes to an existing juvenile camp to provide the types of supervision and treatment needed to reduce the criminogenic needs and recidivism of youth.
3. **Intensive Supervision** - Probation Supervision Programs – High-risk offenders will receive intensive monitoring and supervision by Special Enforcement Operation Deputy Probation Officers (DPO).
4. **Case Management Services** - Reentry and Aftercare Programs – Probation will use individualized case planning incorporating a family and community perspective. Case planning will determine how identified risk levels will be addressed, the special needs of the youth, specialized treatment programs, and how the total set of risks, needs, and associated circumstances will be addressed during a phased transition from confinement to the community.
5. **Capacity Building** – Capacity Building Strategies – Probation will provide training to selected DPO's in Aggression Replacement Training (ART) and Pathways to Self Discovery and Change (a substance abuse treatment curriculum). Once Probation staff have been trained and certified to become facilitators in the interventions, they will provide ongoing training to all camp/field staff, creating a treatment milieu within the camp/field environment.
6. **Program Evaluation and Transitional Housing** – Probation proposes to put a DPO in place as a program evaluator to review and monitor compliance with the programs described above. The DPO will also analyze and make recommendations for the solution of problems related to budget, planning, implementation and monitoring. For transitional housing, a subset of the DJJ population will need stable housing. Thus, Probation will contract with agencies to provide transitional housing to those offenders over the age of 18 without family or relatives. The aim of the service will be to provide a safe living environment for high-risk offenders where

services will include educational guidance, employment counseling and assistance in reaching performance goals

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #1: Operational Effectiveness, Goal #2: Children, Family and Adult Well-Being, and Goal #5: Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2009-10, Probation is receiving the YOBG funding on a quarterly basis instead of one lump sum payment and has received a total of \$11,004,372 in funding for the first two quarters of FY 2009-10. There is no net County cost (NCC) match requirement. The JJDP's total maximum annual obligation is \$22,008,743 fully funded by the grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The first YOBG allocation was made during the FY 2007-08. Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961 required each county to submit its JJDP to the State Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) explaining how FY 2007-08 funds would be spent.

On March 25, 2008, the Board adopted a resolution approving the JJDP, which was submitted to the State Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) on January 1, 2008, and authorized the Chief Probation Officer to accept FY 2007-08 YOBG funding in the amount of \$5,460,396 for partial-year funding (six months).

On June 9, 2009, the Board authorized the Chief Probation Officer to accept FY 2008-09 YOBG funding in the amount of \$16,394,743. For FY 2009-10, Probation's YOBG allocation is \$22,008,743.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

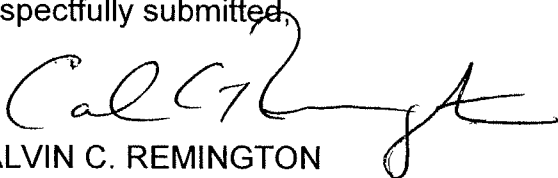
YOBG funding will provide specialized and individualized services and supervision to high-risk youth who formerly could have received confinement in a State Juvenile Justice facility. The Probation Department intends to leverage programs funded by the YOBG with the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) programs to provide evidence-based programs and services to probationers identified with high needs for special services.

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CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send the adopted Board Letter to: Probation Department, Contract Management Division, Attention: Tasha Howard, Director, 9150 E. Imperial Highway, Downey, CA 90242.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvin C. Remington", written over the printed name.

CALVIN C. REMINGTON
Acting Chief Probation Officer

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c: Executive Office/Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Chief Executive Office